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Missouri at Record Highs for Yield and Production

Columbia, MO - "Corn, soybeans, sorghum, cotton and rice are making record yields this year," according to Gene Danekas, Director. "Farmers still need some good harvesting weather to get the crops in the bin since the frequent rains of October and early November delayed progress well behind normal."

Missouri soybean production is forecast at record 227 million bushels based on November 1 conditions, up 5 percent from a month ago and 22 percent above the previous record production of 2001. A State record yield of 46 bushels per acre is expected, 2 bushels above the October forecast and 8 bushels above the previous record set in 1992, 1994 and 2001.

Corn production in **Missouri** is forecast at a record 453 million bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and 14 percent above previous record set in 2000. The projected record yield of 159 bushels per acre is 3 bushels above the October forecast and 16 bushels above the 2000 previous record.

Cotton production in **Missouri** is forecast at a record 770,000 bales, up 12 percent from the October 1 forecast and 10 percent above the previous record set a year earlier. The forecast record yield of 960 pounds is 100 pounds more than expected a month earlier and 98 pounds above last year's record yield.

Missouri grain sorghum production is forecast at 14.9 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast but 8 percent below last year. The State yield forecast of 103 bushels per acre is the same as a month ago but 26 bushels above last year's yield.

Rice production in the **State** is expected to total 12.4 million cwt, up 1 percent from the October forecast and 18 percent more than the 2003 production. A record yield of 6,400 pounds per acre is forecast, which if realized, would be 270 pounds above last year's record.

United States Corn and Soybean Production Up 1 Percent, Cotton Production Up 5 Percent From October

United States soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, up 1 percent from October and 28 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be the largest U.S. soybean crop on record. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 42.6 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from October and 8.7 bushels above last year. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 74.0 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 2 percent from 2003.

United States corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 16 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of November 1, the yield is expected to average 160.2 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from October and 18.0 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous records for both were set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre.

All cotton production in the **United States** is forecast at 22.5 million 480-pound bales, up 5 percent from October and up 23 percent from last year's production. Yield is expected to average a record high 818 pounds per harvested acre, up 36 pounds from last month. If realized, the yield will be 88 pounds above the previous record high yield established in 2003. Harvested area, at 13.2 million acres, is unchanged from October but 10 percent above 2003.

Production of **sorghum** in the **United States** is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 15 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 71.9 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from last month and up 19.2 bushels from 2003. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 6.56 million acres, unchanged from last month but 16 percent below last year.

The **United States rice** production is forecast at 228 million cwt, up 1 percent from October and up 14 percent from 2003. Harvested acres, at 3.33 million, are unchanged from October but up 11 percent from 2003. As of November 1, the U.S. all rice yield is forecast at a record high 6,828 pounds per acre. This forecast yield is up 65 pounds from October and up 183 pounds from the previous record high yield set in 2003.

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Missouri Soybean Production and Yield by District

Area	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^{1/ 2/}	2003	2004 ^{1/}
	-thousands-		-thousands-		-bu/acre-		-thousand bu.-	
NW	986.1	948	977.0	935	25.7	50	25,148	46,900
NC	712.5	690	704.9	682	24.9	45	17,569	30,900
NE	811.4	813	805.8	805	32.0	47	25,820	38,000
WC	541.1	543	535.7	537	21.9	47	11,716	25,100
C	528.1	532	523.1	526	28.0	48	14,647	25,500
EC	332.2	338	329.6	335	34.1	49	11,231	16,300
SW	157.6	156	156.3	154	26.9	33	4,204	5,140
SC	35.4	36	35.1	35	31.7	37	1,113	1,300
SE	895.6	944	882.5	931	39.2	41	34,577	38,100
STATE	5,000	5,000	4,950	4,940	29.5	46	146,025	227,240

1/ November 1 Forecast

2/ 2004 District yields rounded to whole bushels.

Missouri Corn Production and Yield by District

Area	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^{1/ 2/}	2003	2004 ^{1/}
	-thousands-		-thousands-		-bu/acre-		-thousand bu.-	
NW	694.7	716	682.0	697	94.7	166	64,595	115,400
NC	304.8	316	297.1	306	97.4	151	28,928	46,200
NE	476.2	494	458.1	477	113.6	159	52,038	75,800
WC	293.0	284	282.5	272	79.3	158	22,413	43,000
C	345.5	347	326.1	332	95.1	161	31,016	53,400
EC	224.1	226	215.4	219	116.7	156	25,130	34,200
SW	73.6	82	67.5	76	108.8	134	7,347	10,200
SC	21.2	19	17.5	15	117.1	130	2,050	1,950
SE	466.9	466	453.8	456	151.8	160	68,883	73,000
STATE	2,900	2,950	2,800	2,850	108.0	159	302,400	453,150

1/ November 1 Forecast

2/ 2004 District yields rounded to whole bushels.